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SUBJECT: LICENSES FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS

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1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS DREW ON REF A AND OTHER SOURCES TO REASSURE GERMAN POLITICAL LEADERS, SCIENCE OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRIALISTS THAT NRC HAD NOT EMBARGOED SHIPMENTS OF URANIUM NEEDED BY FRG. REASSURANCES OFFERED BY COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT DURING ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE ON APRIL 15 WERE ALSO HELPFUL. FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTER HAS REJECTED "UNDULY INFLATED" CHARGES BY OPPOSITION PARTIES AND ASSERTED THAT FRG HAS THREE-YEAR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR ITS NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS -- INCLUDING URANIUM PURCHASED FROM US UNDER OFFSET. SENSATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE HAS DISSIPATED. FRG OFFICIALS HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT NRC WILL ACT RAPIDLY TO APPROVE EXPORT OF URANIUM SHIPMENTS REQUIRED IN GERMANY. END SUMMARY.

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2. INITIAL PRESS COVERAGE OF NRC SUSPENSION OF

URANIUM EXPORTS WAS SENSATIONAL, CHARACTERIZING US ACTION AS "...CLUMSY, CONFUSING AND UNFRIENDLY..." WITH "...VAGUE AND CONTROVERSIAL EXPLANATIONS..." OPPOSITION PARTY POLITICIANS CHARGED THAT HANS MATTHOEFER, FRG MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, HAD SO BUSIED HIMSELF WITH THE "CUBANIZATION OF SOUTH AMERICA" THAT HE HAD PERMITTED GERMAN-AMERICAN CONTACTS TO REACH A MINIMUM LEVEL"...OTHERWISE HOW COULD THIS STOPPAGE HAVE STRUCK THE FRG LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE?" THE IMPACT OF THE MEDIA COVERAGE AND THESE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL CHARGES STIMULATED THE GERMAN DEMARCHE REPORTED REF C.

3. BY APRIL 16, EMBASSY AND WASHINGTON EFFORTS HAD PLACED NRC SUSPENSION OF URANIUM SHIPMENTS IN ITS PROPER CONTEXT. COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT'S REASSURANCES ABOUT URANIUM SUPPLIES FROM THE US, OFFERED DURING USIS-SPONSORED ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE, WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN WIRE-SERVICE COVERAGE OF THIS EVENT.

4. ON APRIL 16, TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MATTHOEFER EMPHATICALLY REJECTED THE OPPOSITION'S "UNDULY INFLATED" POLITICAL CHARGES WHICH, HE SAID, WERE DESIGNED TO CREATE "... A GENERAL FEELING OF INSECURITY...". MATTHOEFER CLAIMED THAT GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS COULD OPERATE THREE YEARS ON CURRENT FUEL LOADS, FUEL NOW BEING FABRICATED AND THE URANIUM ORDERED FROM THE US UNDER THE OFFSET AGREEMENTS OF 1969-71 AND 1973-75. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG HAD PURCHASED AND STORED 230 TONS OF ENRICHED URANIUM UNDER THE 1969-71 OFFSET AND ANOTHER DM 220 MILLION OF SEPARATIVE WORK HAD BEEN ORDERED FOR 1979. THE CURRENT OFFSET, 1973-75, INCLUDES DM 200 MILLION

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MORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STOCKS.

5. MATTHOEFER ALSO REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DATA ABOUT  
GERMAN SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM:

1975: US - 65 PERCENT

USSR - 35 PERCENT

1977 US - 49 PERCENT

USSR - 49 PERCENT

EUROPE - 2 PERCENT

1979 EUROPEAN SHARE INCREASES

TO 20 PERCENT

1982 EUROPEAN SHARE 30 PERCENT

6. ALTHOUGH INITIAL GERMAN CONCERNS HAVE BEEN DISSIPATED,  
TECHMIN OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED STRONG  
HOPE THAT NRC APPROVAL OF URANIUM SHIPMENTS NEEDED BY  
FRG CAN BE EXPEDITED. IN ADDITION TO TWO ORDERS LISTED  
IN PARA 4, REF A, TECHMIN REPS ALSO MENTION LOW-  
ENRICHMENT URANIUM NEEDED FOR :

A. KERNKRAFTWERK UNTERWESER  
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(30,090 SWU; 3.2 PERCENT) SHIPMENTS BEGINNING IN  
MAY - EXTENDING THROUGH SEPTEMBER

B. KERNKRAFTSWERK STADE

(18,600 SWU; 3.18 PERCENT)  
SHIPMENT IN JULY.

7. EMBASSY COMMENT: MOST ADVERSE POLITICAL AND MEDIA  
COMMENT WAS BASED ON NRC AND USG FAILURE TO CONSULT  
IN ADVANCE. THE URANIUM SUPPLY QUESTION HAS LONG BEEN  
A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE HERE IN THE FRG. EMBASSY  
RECOMMENDS THAT FRG, AS WELL AS EC, BE INFORMED IN  
ADVANCE ABOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT USG ACTIONS IN THIS AREA.  
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